

as it is, I should like the places
(framed oak) in front of the doors to
work, to be retouched - I believe the
best of the room looks well enough -

We have been so distressed at
the news of the President's death
this week - We had hoped so much
from his struggling on so long -

I hope you will have a pleasant
autumn to make up for your disagree-
able summer - And for our sakes
too - Please remember me most kindly
to Mrs. Blissel & all our friends -

Very sincerely yours,

Flue L. Gray -
He is back & knew by Oct. 3 or 4 -

Blackford -

Sept. 21 - '81

My dear Mr. Watson,

Thip Gray writes me
that you have taken in hand
about the painting the two bed
rooms - And I suppose by this
time it is done - But there is
another piece of painting I should
like done, a dark brown border
all around the dining-room
floor - 1 ft. wide not including
the window recesses on west side,

as wide as the side-board reaches
on the north side, and as wide
as the ~~cupboard~~ side table on the
east side, on the fire place side
to fill ^{to depth of hearth} in from doors each side -
Of course the windows recesses - The
color, a dark chestnut brown -

I enclose a line to Lizzie Stewart
about getting the ~~room~~ in order -

Miss Parker will know where to
find her if you do not -

If you feel any doubt about the
color you can consult Miss Gray -

Dr. Gray wrote you about Dr.
Goodale - How well he looked, and
he seemed bright & energetic, like
himself - I only saw him a short
time as he stayed but one night
with us, & he & Dr. Gray had so
much to see and do together -

We have only five weeks now
before sailing, and it seems very
near - Plenty to do in that time!

If there is nothing done to the
library floor, and I supposed from
what Dr. Goodale said to Dr. Gray
they would think it best to leave it